

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4614, by Representatives Roach, Cairnes, DeBolt, Barlean, Benson, Hatfield, Armstrong, Buck, Campbell and Ahern

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was established on February 8, 1910, by founders Robert Baden Powell, Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and William D. Boyce; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Laws; and

WHEREAS, From its beginning, the concept of Scouting has grown and spread throughout the world to become the largest voluntary youth movement in the world; and

WHEREAS, For more than ninety years, the Boy Scouts of America has complemented youth education with a program that teaches our youth the skills and values that will help them throughout their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, The Scout Law teaches Scouts to be "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent"; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America reached a historic membership milestone with the addition of its 100 millionth member in April of last year; and

WHEREAS, In Washington State, there are over one hundred thousand youths involved in the Boy Scouts of America, and nationally there are over four million members ranging from Tiger Cubs to Eagle Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Youths from every ethnic, religious, and economic background in suburbs, farms, and cities know and respect each other as they participate in the Boy Scouts program; and

WHEREAS, With the support of over one million two hundred thousand adult volunteers nationwide, the Boy Scouts of America passes on to today's youth the same principles, aims, and ideals that have been part of Scouting since 1910; and

WHEREAS, At the dawn of the new millennium, the Boy Scouts of America look forward to continue building upon nine decades of instilling in youth the strong values and morals that will make a difference in the lives of millions in the new century;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives applaud the effort and work of the six Washington State Councils of the Boy Scouts of America, and also applaud the positive programs that the Boy Scouts of America provide for our youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all agencies of state government to recognize the service and benefits that are provided by the Boy Scouts of America and work with Scouting and other youth organizations for the purpose of improving our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to Governor Gary Locke; the Governor's cabinet officers; all statewide elected officials; the National Boy Scouts of America Office; the Western Region Office of the Boy Scouts of America; and to the Boy Scout Councils serving Washington State.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4614 adopted by the Rules Committee of the
House of Representatives
February 8, 2001.